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**REMARKS**

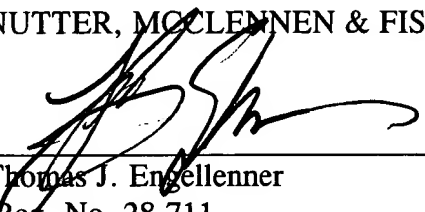
The above amendments are submitted to pursue patent protection for applicant's apparatus claims, subject matter that was withdrawn from applicant's prior application in order to expedite allowance of method claims in the parent case.

Early consideration is requested. In the event that new claims 25-44 are not deemed to be in condition for allowance, an interview with the Examiner assigned to this case is requested.

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